

AGENDA ITEM

US FOREST SERVICE COST/SHARE SUMMARY Supplement No. 18 Flathead National Forest May, 2008

RIGHT-OF-WAY-APPLICATION FILE NO. _____

I. Applicant:

USDA-Forest Service
Region 1
Flathead National Forest
Kalispell, MT 59923

II. Purpose of Reciprocal Cost-Share Agreement:

State land is intermingled with private and the US Forest Service lands administered by the Flathead National Forest. In order for both the State of Montana and the US Forest Service to gain legal access, it is necessary to exchange easements as provided by the Master Cost/Share Agreement with the US Forest Service.

III. Legal Description:

The State of Montana and the USA (Forest Service) in the following described lands will exchange standard Cost/Share easements with a Right-of-Way width of 66 feet:

State Lands: Sections 16 and 36, T36N, R 22 W
Sections 3, 10 and 11, T34N, R21W
Sections 24, 25, T34N, R21W and Section 30, T34N, R20W

National Forest
System Lands: Sections 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22 and 24 T36N R22W
Section 2, T34N, R21W
Section 20, T34N R20W

Note: Forest Service will assign rights on:

Private Lands: Section 1, T35N, R21W
Section 6, T35N, R22W

IV. General Information:

Tributary area, right of way area, and miles of road are summarized as follows:

	State Share	USFS Share	Private – third party share	Total
Tributary Area:	1,583 Acres	60,613 Acres *	(2078)	64,274 Acres
Right of Way Area:	2.48 Acres	49.79 Acres*	(14.43)	52.27 Acres
Miles of Road:	.35	5.56	.19 Miles	6.1 Miles

*-USFS Share includes 3rd party shares.

Land Office: NWLO
Unit Office: Stillwater
Land Classification: Forest
Beneficiaries Trust Accounts: C.S. - Public School, P.B. - Public Buildings, A.C.B. – Agricultural College (Second Grant), S.N.S. – State Normal School and S.M. – School of Mines
Lessee N/A
County: Flathead

V. Costs to be Borne by Each Party:

Excess costs, by land value and road costs, were determined by negotiation with the USFS Flathead National Forest in accordance with the principals found in the Master Cost Share Agreement. The Summary of Shares and Excess Costs for Supplement 18 are summarized as follows:

	EXCESS COSTS	
	Gov't Owes State	State Owes Gov't
Land Value	0	\$ 28,289
Road Costs	0	\$ 8,361
Total Value/Costs	0	\$ 36,650
Amount Owed*	0	\$ 36,650

***Upon approval by the Land Board and exchange of deeds, the State agrees to apply the balance due of \$36,650 to the Master Cost Share balance sheet.**

VI. Results of MEPA Analysis:

The Stillwater Unit Manager prepared and approved the Environmental Assessment (MEPA) for the proposed project. The USFS prepared and approved a Categorical Exclusion for the project.

VII. Benefits to State:

- Permanent legal access to 1,583 acres of State Trust Lands
- Shared maintenance and future reconstruction costs
- Reduced road density by utilizing existing roads which reflects an integrated transportation system
- Access rights across private land acquired from Forest Service on not only a "share basis" but also at the original cost basis.

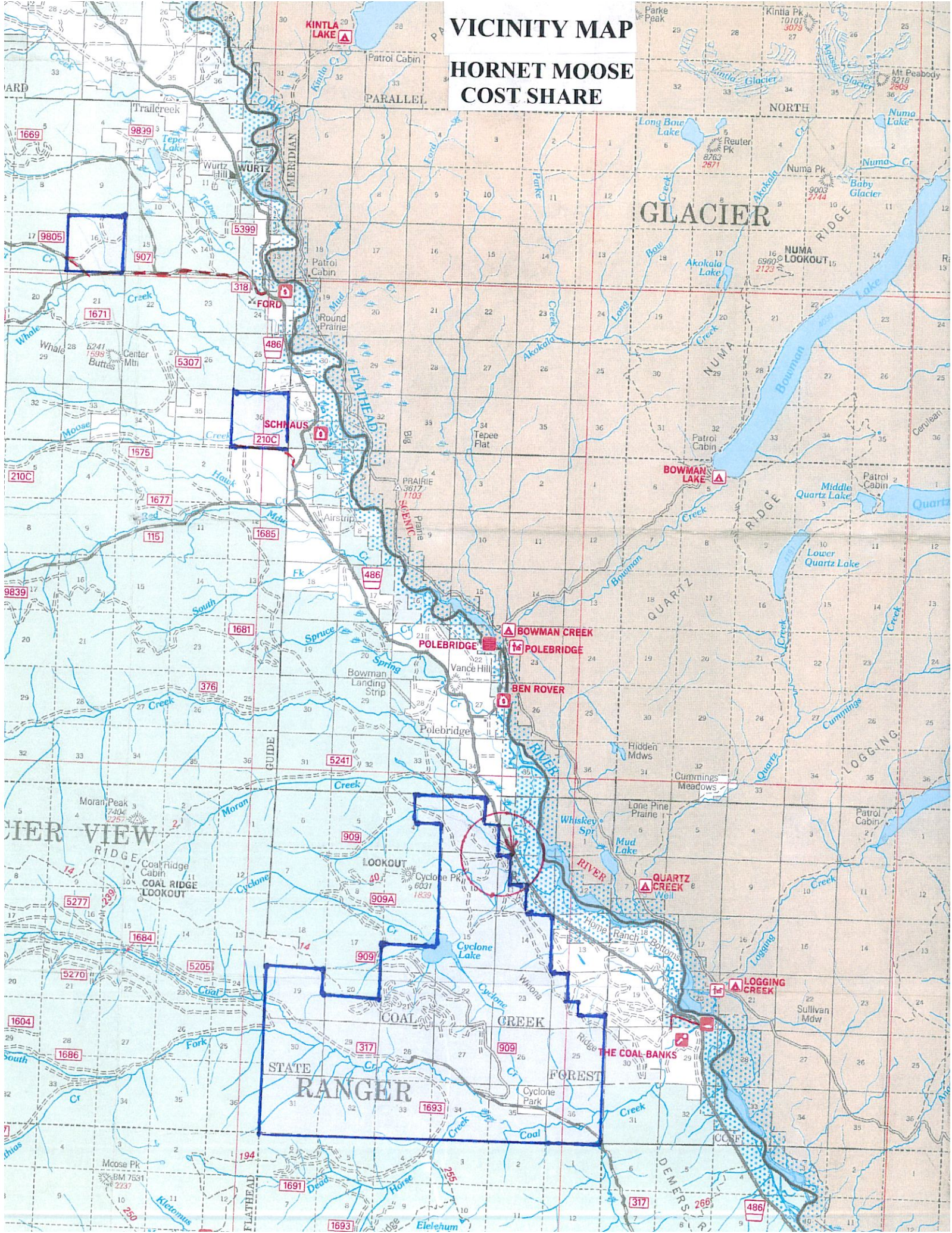
VIII. Recommendation/Action:

After review of the documents, exhibits, and benefits to the State, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation recommends approval of the Hornet-Moose Cost Share Supplement No. 18 with the US Forest Service.

VICINITY MAP

HORNET MOOSE

COST SHARE



Vicinity Map

